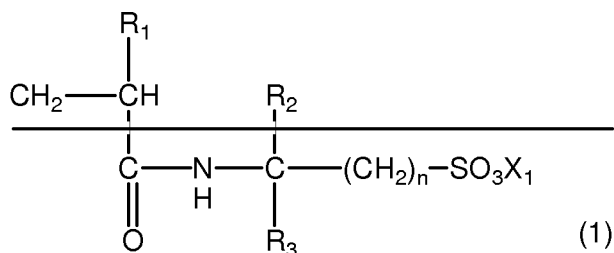
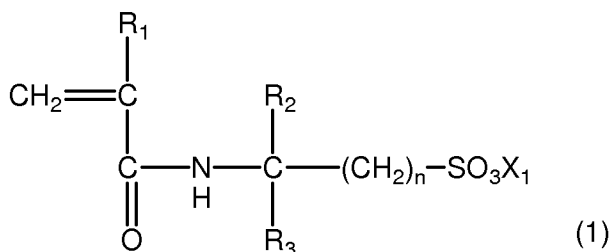


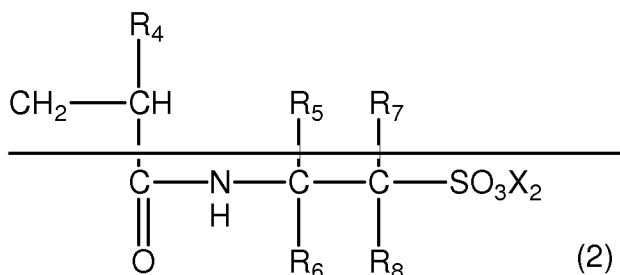
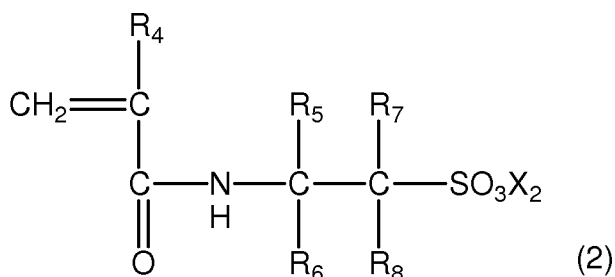
(b) Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6, 9, and 10 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims is provided hereafter.

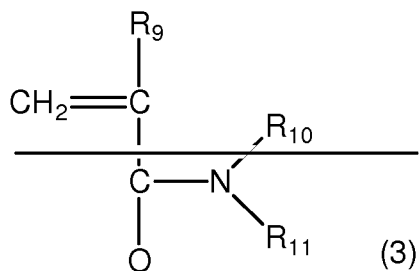
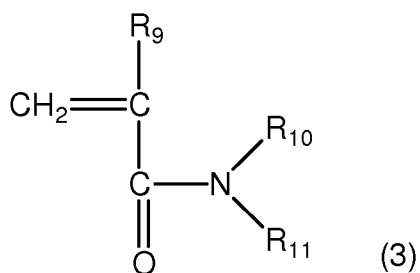
1. (Currently Amended) A dry toner comprising: (i) a binder resin; (ii) a colorant; (iii) at least one of metallophthalocyanine and a metallophthalocyanine derivative having a central metal selected from the group consisting of Cr, Fe, Co, Zn, and Mn; and (iv) at least one of (a) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (1), (b) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (2), and (c) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass each of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (3) and a vinyl monomer having a carboxyl group:



(wherein,  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkyl group, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkenyl group, or a  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkoxy group;  $X_1$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt; and  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 10)



(wherein,  $R_4$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $R_5$  to  $R_8$  each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an aromatic group, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkyl group, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkenyl group, or a  $C_1$  to  $C_{10}$  alkoxy group but at least one of  $R_5$  to  $R_8$  represents an unsubstituted or substituted aromatic group; and  $X_2$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt)



(wherein,  $R_9$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{20}$  alkyl group, a  $C_1$  to  $C_{20}$  alkenyl group, or a  $C_1$  to  $C_{20}$  alkoxy group and  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  may be coupled together to form a nonaromatic organic group having different atoms except a carbon atom and a cyclic structure of  $C_4$  to  $C_{20}$ ).

2. (Original) The dry toner according to claim 1, wherein the colorant comprises carbon black having a particle diameter of 50 nm or less.

3. (Original) The dry toner according to claim 1, wherein the colorant comprises a cyan colorant selected from the group consisting of a Cu phthalocyanine compound, a derivative thereof, an anthraquinone compound, and a basic dye lake compound.

4. (Original) The dry toner according to claim 1, further comprising wax, wherein the wax comprises a wax having a melting point of 50 to 110°C and a wax having a melting point of 80 to 140°C.

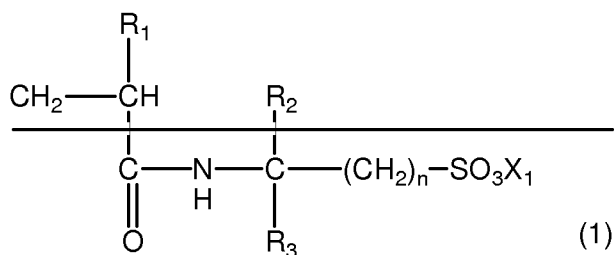
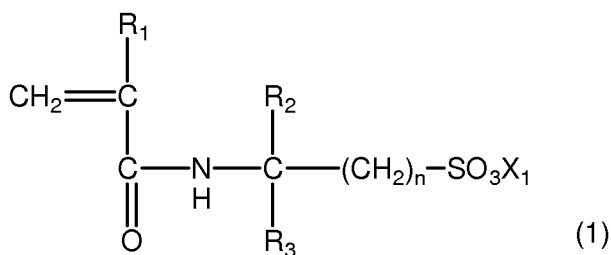
5. (Original) The dry toner according to claim 1, wherein:  
the toner has a number-average equivalent circle diameter of 2 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  with respect to a number-basis particle diameter distribution measured by a flow-type particle image measuring device;

the toner has an average circularity of 0.950 to 0.995 and a content of the particles having the circularity of less than 0.950 of 30 % by number or less with respect to a frequency distribution of circularity measured by a flow-type particle image measuring device.

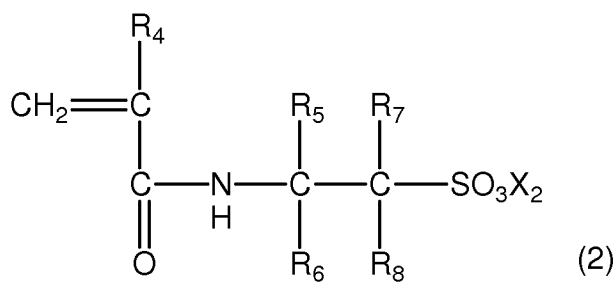
6. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a dry toner,  
comprising:

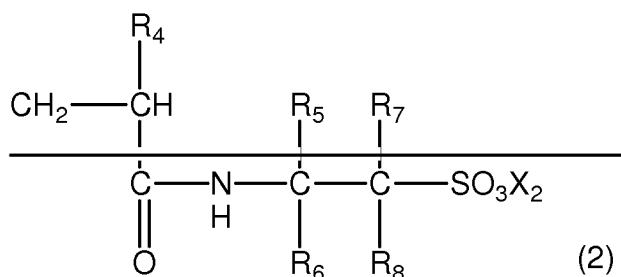
a phthalocyanine treatment step of mixing at least (iii) at least one of metallophthalocyanine and a metallophthalocyanine derivative having a central metal selected from the group consisting of Cr, Fe, Co, Zn, and Mn and (iv) at least one of (a) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (1), (b) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (2), and (c) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass each of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural

formula (3) and a vinyl monomer having a carboxyl group, in such a manner that an absorbance of the highest absorption peak in visible absorption spectra exhibited by the metallophthalocyanine and/or the metallophthalocyanine derivative after the mixing is 5 or more times as high as that before mixing:

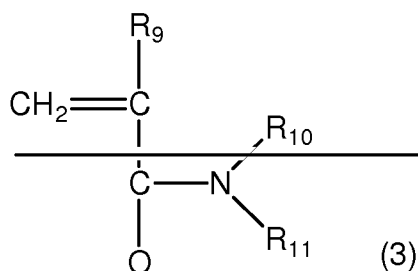
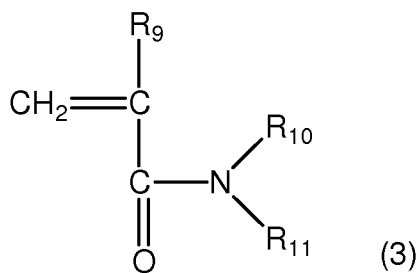


(wherein,  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $\text{R}_2$  and  $\text{R}_3$  each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, a  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_{10}$  alkyl group, a  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_{10}$  alkenyl group, or a  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_{10}$  alkoxy group;  $\text{X}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt; and  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 10)





(wherein, R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>5</sub> to R<sub>8</sub> each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an aromatic group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl group, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkoxy group but at least one of R<sub>5</sub> to R<sub>8</sub> represents an unsubstituted or substituted aromatic group; and X<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt)



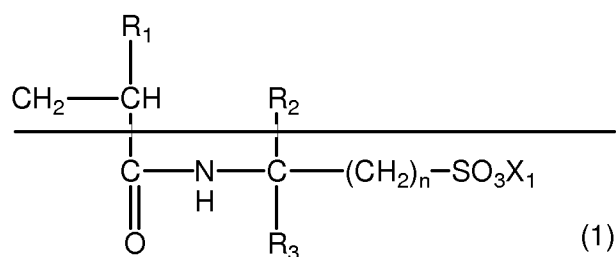
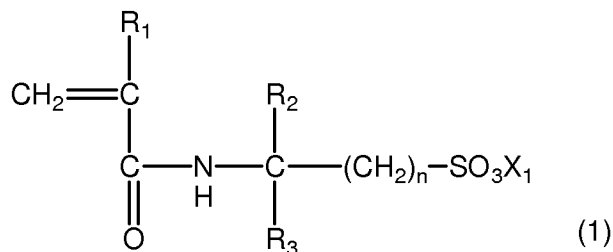
(wherein, R<sub>9</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub> each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alkenyl group, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alkoxy group and R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub> may be coupled together to form a nonaromatic organic group having different atoms except a carbon atom and a cyclic structure of C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>).

7. (Original-Rejoined) The method for producing a dry toner according to claim 6, wherein the phthalocyanine treatment step is conducted in the presence of a vinyl polymerizable monomer, and
- the method further comprises a step of polymerizing the vinyl polymerizable monomer in the product prepared by the phthalocyanine treatment step.
8. (Original-Rejoined) The method for producing a dry toner according to claim 6, wherein the mixing treatment is conducted using the metallophthalocyanine and/or the metallophthalocyanine derivative having a particle diameter of 50 to 200 nm and using only a non-media type disperser in the phthalocyanine treatment step.
9. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a dry toner comprising the steps of:
- obtaining a polymerizable monomer composition by mixing (i) a monomer which constitutes a binder resin, (ii) a colorant, (iii) at least one of metallophthalocyanine and a metallophthalocyanine derivative having a central metal selected from the group consisting of Cr, Fe, Co, Zn, and Mn; and (iv) at least one of (a) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (1), (b) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (2), and (c) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass each of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural

formula (3) and a vinyl monomer having a carboxyl group, in such a manner that an absorbance of the highest absorption peak in visible absorption spectra exhibited by the metallophthalocyanine and/or the metallophthalocyanine derivative after the mixing is 5 or more times as high as that before mixing;

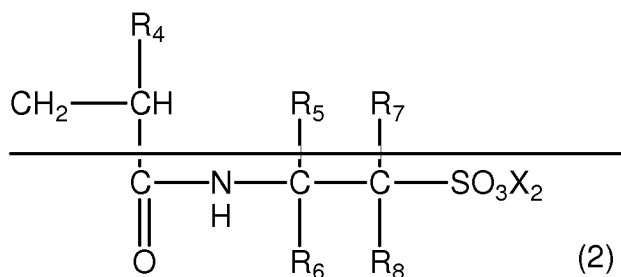
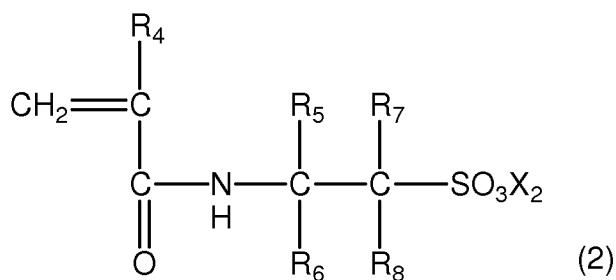
granulating the polymerizable monomer composition into particles having a size according to a desired toner particle diameter; and

obtaining the toner by polymerizing the granulated polymerizable monomer composition:

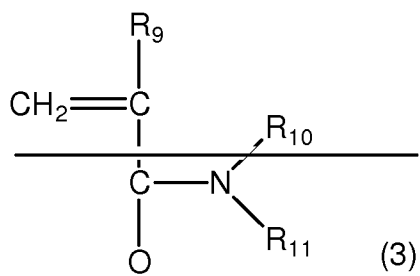
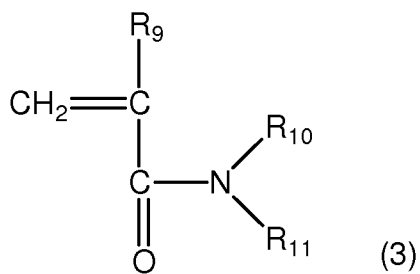


(wherein, R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl group, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkoxy group; X<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt; and n represents an integer of 1 to 10)





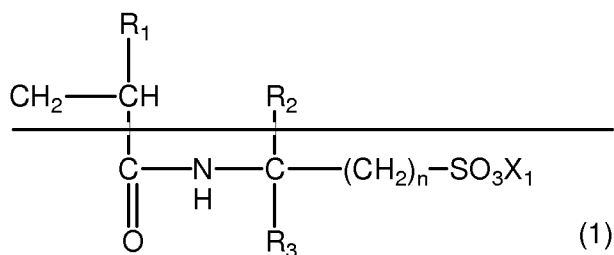
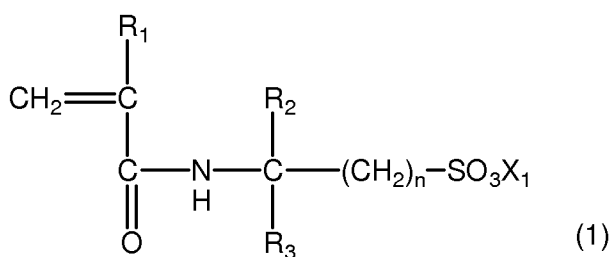
(wherein, R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>5</sub> to R<sub>8</sub> each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an aromatic group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl group, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkoxy group but at least one of R<sub>5</sub> to R<sub>8</sub> represents an unsubstituted or substituted aromatic group; and X<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt)



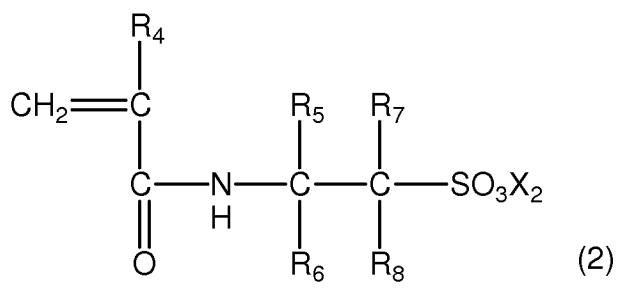
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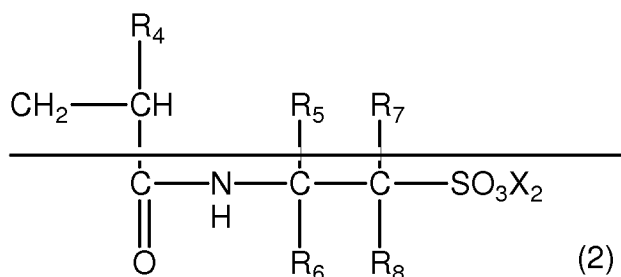
10. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a dry toner comprising the steps of:
- obtaining a mixture by mixing (iii) at least one of a metallophthalocyanine and a metallophthalocyanine derivative having a central metal selected from the group consisting of Cr, Fe, Co, Zn, and Mn, and (iv) at least one of (a) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (1), (b) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (2), and (c) a polymer containing 0.5 to 20 % by mass each of a base unit derived from a polymerizable monomer represented by the following structural formula (3) and a vinyl monomer having a carboxyl group, in such a manner that an absorbance of the highest absorption peak in visible absorption spectra expressed by the metallophthalocyanine and/or the metallophthalocyanine derivative after the mixing is 5 or more times as high as that before mixing;
  - obtaining the polymerizable monomer composition by adding (i) a monomer constituting a binder resin and (ii) a colorant to the mixture;

granulating the polymerizable monomer composition into particles having a size according to a desired toner particle diameter; and obtaining the toner by polymerizing the granulated polymerizable monomer composition, wherein

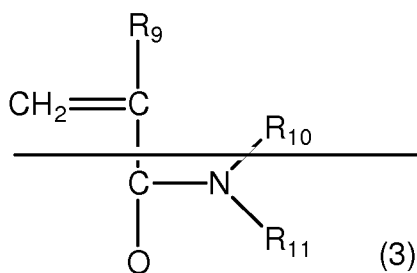
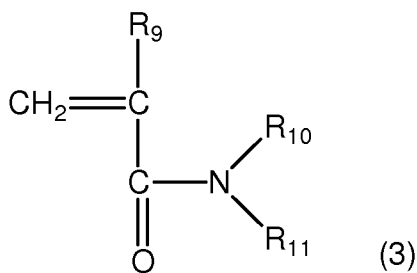


(wherein, R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each represent independently a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl group, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkoxy group; X<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, or a quaternary ammonium salt; and n represents an integer of 1 to 10)





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11. - 16. (Cancelled)